

Town of West Tisbury
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2021, 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheryl Lowe, at 5:32 pm.

Present: Bea Phear, John Rau, Ted Jochsberger, Doug Ruskin, Cheryl Lowe, Jeffrey DuBard, Mary Sage Napolitan

Others: Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant, Ashley McKenna, MVCMA

Old Business:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 26, 2021 meeting. Cheryl Lowe asked if the Committee had any changes or corrections to the minutes. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Beatrice Phear, the Committee approved the minutes, with Doug Ruskin abstaining.

At the March 26 meeting, there was an interruption on the zoom platform, causing the meeting to adjourn without completing the agenda, the meeting was called to order again on a second zoom call. With all the same attendees at the second meeting, the Town Clerk suggested the items unfinished on the agenda be reviewed at this April 28 meeting for clarity.

The Committee reviewed the Angela Aronie letter, which had been sent out. There has been no response from Ms. Aronie. On a motion made by Doug Ruskin, seconded by Beatrice Phear, the Committee unanimously approved the letter. The Committee then reviewed the West Tisbury CPC policy on Affordable Housing. On a motion made by Doug Ruskin, seconded by Beatrice Phear, the Committee unanimously approved the policy.

A review of the Charter School request to change the use of appropriated funds from the warrant article's definition as approved at the 2020 Town Meeting had been addressed. The Charter School could not change the use of these funds. Dietterich had sent correspondence to the School and they will be applying for additional CPC funding in the Fall of 2021.

New Business:

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2021-22 CPC meeting dates. No changes were made to the proposed dates.

Liaisons to Town meeting projects were reviewed. Town Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021, 5:00 pm, at the Tabernacle. Beatrice Phear said the applicants should be ready to address questions, but not give any presentations. This keeps Town Meeting shorter, and also, the public trusts the CPC's recommendations to the Town and there is no need for applicants to make an additional presentation. John Rau indicated he may not be able to attend Town meeting. Doug Ruskin asked if a project that was being recommended had a citizen ask that it be funded at a higher amount, what would happen, and is that allowed? The Committee asked Dietterich to follow up with the Town Clerk or Town Moderator to address this question.

The Committee then received a letter of resignation from the Administrative Assistant, Heidi Dietterich. The Committee shared their regret at this news. Moving forward, the Committee set up a Search Committee, to include Jeffrey DuBard, Beatrice Phear, John Brannen, Ted Jochsberger and Cheryl Lowe. Dietterich was to let Jen Rand know as soon as possible. Bea Phear asked that the Committee think about any person they might know that might be qualified and interested in the position.

With no further business, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Dietterich
Administrative Assistant